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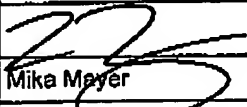
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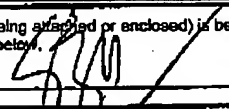
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Applicants would like to draw the Examiner's attention to the co-pending application listed below:

Application Serial No. 11/414,657, filed April 27, 2006, by Starksen et al.

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